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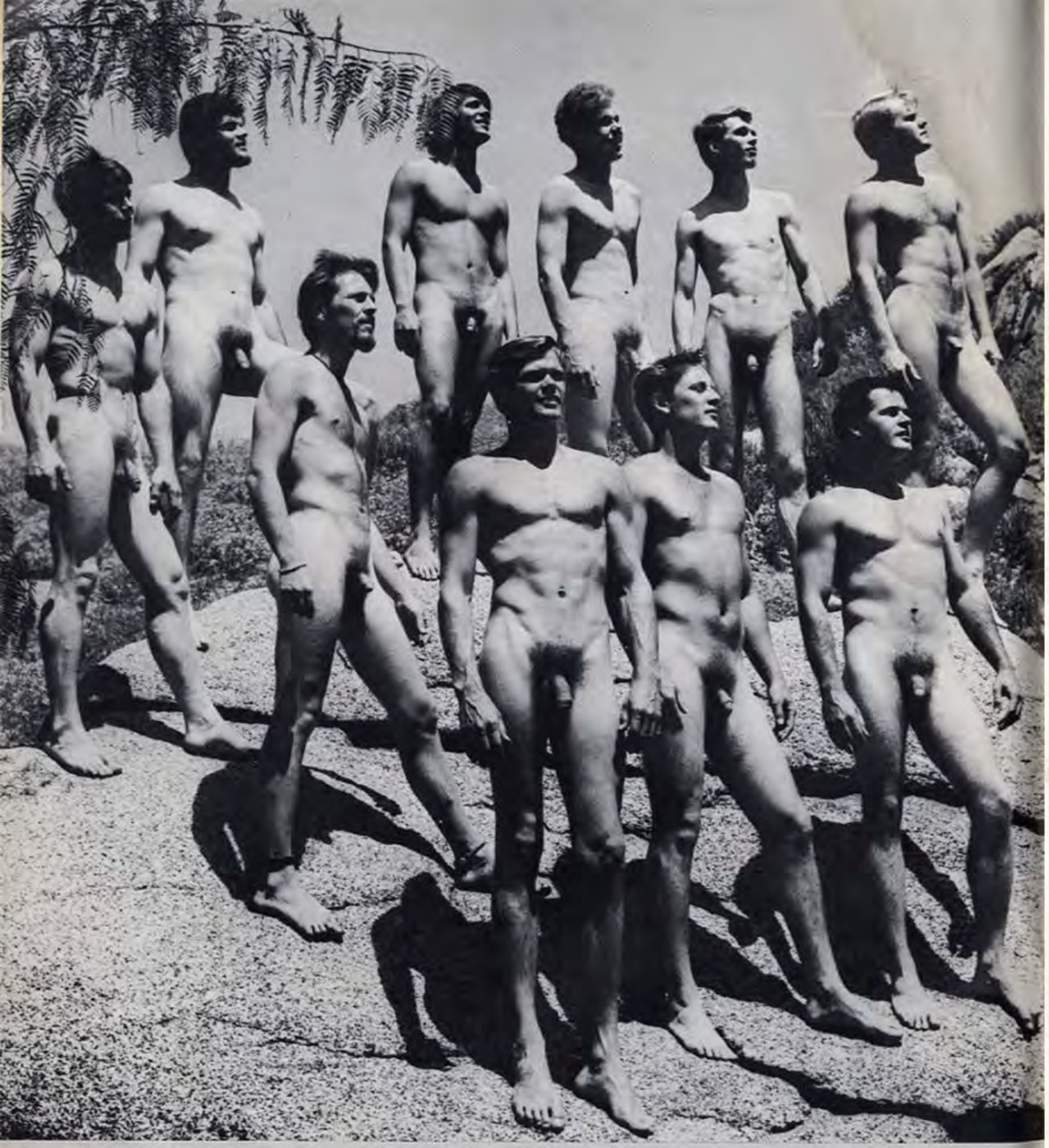

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EDITORIAL

In one of our earlier editorials, we mentioned the fact that the American nudist movement as it is today has promulgated a myth that men are not interested in nudism until they get married. We felt that this was a bit of a lopsided piece of rationale that was used simply to further discourage attendance by single men at various nudist parks across the land.

In the months since that was written, we have been gratified by the tremendous response that this magazine has had and from the enthusiastic letters that we have received all telling us pretty much the same thing: Single men don't care to go through third-degree that many parks force upon them before letting them on the grounds.

So it is not a lack of interest in nudism that keeps single young men out of the parks. It is the parks themselves.

In the last issue of MR. SUN, we printed a story about a daring new proposal. We said that the single men should get together and form their own nudist park. Well, we admit now that that was a little bit of "pie in the sky" thinking on our part, and we chose this way to test out the response from our readers.

The response was terrific. It certainly appears from this side of the editorial bench that this country is not only ready, but damned anxious, for an all-male nudist park.

And lest we sound too enthusiastic about our own idea, just turn to pages 46 and 48 for a look at some of the letters that we have received in the past month. It certainly seems that somewhere along the line of enthusiastic male nudists, there is someone or several someones with the money and the courage to get one started. MR. SUN pledges its help to any such proposed park that will help break down the fictitious barriers against the male single.

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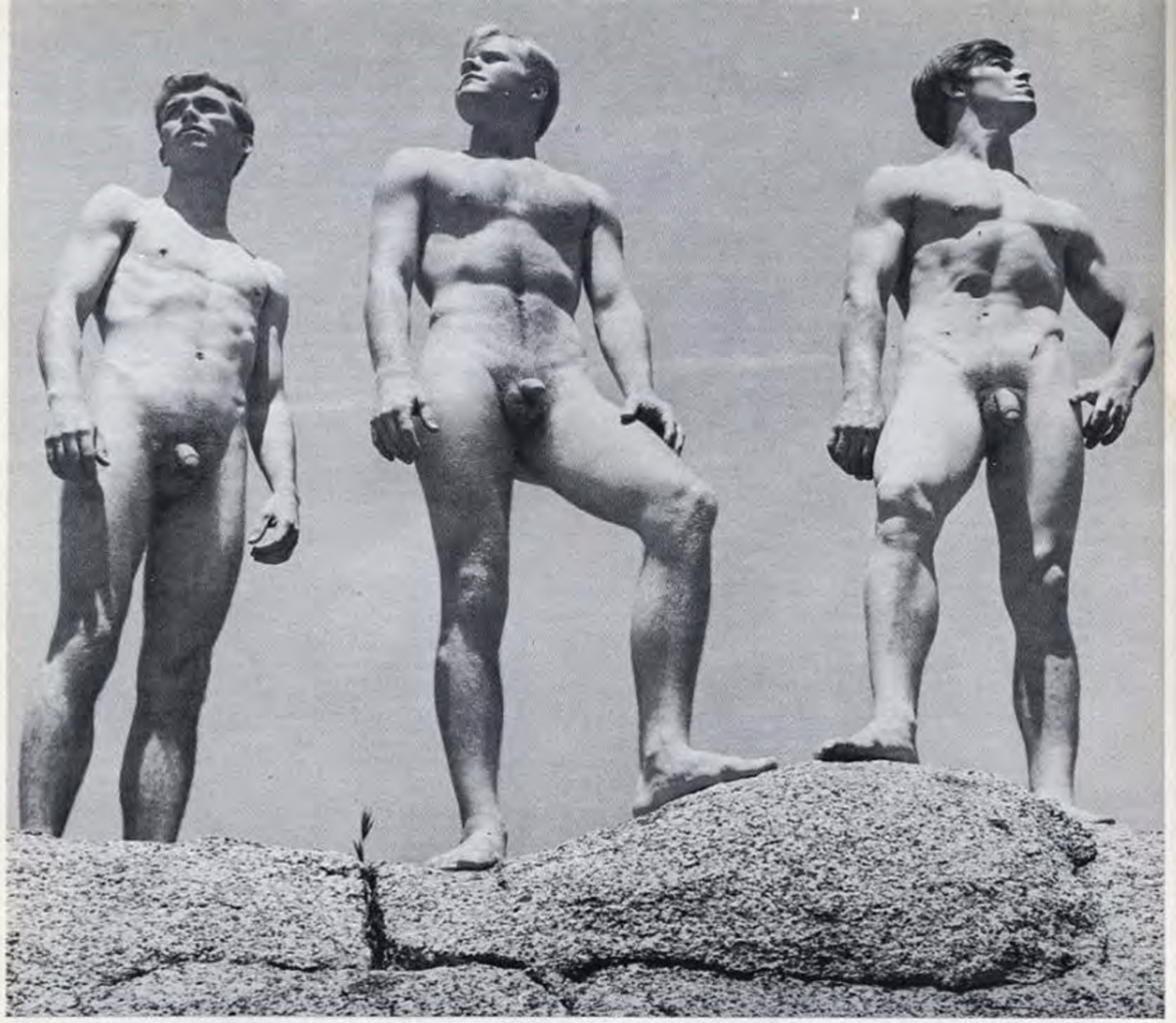
THE ARTIST AND THE MALE NUDIST

Harry Bush captures the excitement of the male nudist as no one has since the days of Michelangelo and da Vinci!



For ever so long in fine art and in commercial art, the female figure has been the dominant subject. No one will argue that the female figure is a pleasure to look upon, but it does strike us as being slightly one-sided, as there are male figures that just as esthetically pleasing.

Harry Bush, one of the leading artistic lights in Southern California, is one artist who harkens back to the brilliant days of the Italian Renaissance when the giants Michelangelo and da Vinci forcefully held that the male figure was the supreme challenge to the artist's craftsmanship and creative ability. Harry Bush portrays the male figure as no other artist in this century has ever done.

In the first issue of this magazine, Mr. Bush said that he would like to do for the male figure model what Petty and Vargas did for the female form, capturing that instant of allure and beauty that is at once both artistic and provocative.

We think that Mr. Bush has succeeded very well, as the pictures shown here will testify to. Compared to the actual photographs of young men taken for this issue, Mr. Bush's talented hands have wrought an essence of male beauty that is difficult to describe. His illustrations have a poster quality effect, one of power that leaves the viewer filled with the impact of the beauty of the male figure.

Behind every artist, there is inspiration. And Mr. Bush found it right where he lives, along the beach of the Pacific Ocean. There, dressed in the casual minimum of a beach town, he often observed the young men with their surboards or ball games. It wasn't long before he got the idea that there was just a wisp of nothing between the handsome young people and complete nudity that the artist needs to really understand his subject, to see the subject uncluttered by any false coloring.

NARCISSUS

PARIS

The nude male attracted his attention and he found more than a few willing models for his talented pencil and pen and charcoal.

It was a very happy meeting, one might say, this coming together of the male nudist in his prime and the perceptive talent of Harry Bush. MR. SUN is proud to present this selection of the artist's work.

THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT NUDISM

Everyone is just naturally a born nudist, but it takes time to unlearn all those clothing habits!

Over the past few years, the dedicated nudist has heard a number of remarks that have made him feel a bit self-conscious. The tune that has been played into his ears for sometime now runs something like this: He's an exhibitionist . . . repressed . . . sexually inadequate . . . etcetera, and ad nauseum.

It were almost as though nudity were something new under this sun of ours — and we mean that in the broadest sense which means that it covers the clothed and nude alike. But — and this is really important — is nudity really so new?

The story of "social nudism" might really have begun with Herr Ungerwitter's book back in 1904, but that was a call for a community of people to live near nature and without clothing. The idea caught on, of course, and it has grown, through much turmoil and strife, into one of the accepted facts of everyday life all across the world. But that still is not the "newness" of nudity.

To get really basic, it is quite natural to be nude. After all, there are no umbilical haberdashers to provide us with ready-mades upon the instant of birth. That is being facetious, of course. No one is born with clothing on, and no one really expects them to be — although some of the uproar raised over nudity would make one believe that at least a few people are of that opinion. Well, it just naturally follows that if we were not born with clothing, somebody up there must have thought that we could manage very well without it. And for an awful long time, we did exactly that. Primitive man — like the few remaining uncivilized areas in the world today — went without clothing. And this pretty well dismisses the idea that clothing is, and was, a protection from the elements.

The aborigine in the Australian deserts wears nothing to protect himself from the wild hurricane wind and the intense sun. Certain tribes in Russia's Siberian state are most comfortable when they are wearing nothing — although they might wear snow-shoes to get across the snow — even in some of the coldest temperatures ever recorded by man!

There are other facts in this nonsense about clothing being "necessary" because of the weather, and they are all mostly just that: nonsense.

Nudity is a natural state of being. Whatever clothing man wears, it can generally be stated that it is worn mostly for costume — decoration or what have you. Clothing is not necessary for health. Clothing is not necessary for survival — at the Australian and the Siberian can point out. Why then the fuss and bother about nudity?

The answer, of course, is that our particuar society still insists on equating sex with nudity. And that is just plain nonsense as any woman will tell any man that her sex appeal lies not so much in the beauty of her figure or the comliness of her face, but in the man's imagination. The partly clad female is ever so much attractive to a man than a totally nude woman.

Certainly, the man may admire the beauty of a woman naked. He might even become sexually attracted to her, but it is highly unlikely that he would do so if he had not had the pleasure of knowing her partly clad — or even fully dressed. We need only look to the classic strip-tease artist. She can build the drama — and excitement for a man — slowly by shedding her clothing slowly — teasingly, as it were — but then, like Salome, when the seventh veil is dropped, the act is over and the curtain falls. In short, there is not much more to entertain when a woman is completely naked.

Nudity, of course, is a pleasant aspect of sexual relations, although a famous doctor says that it was not at all uncommon for a Victorian bride to have never seen her husband naked or for him to have seen her naked, but there was certainly no drop in the population growth. Nudity, however, is not necessary for sexual relations, and it does not follow that once nude, a man and a woman must have such intercourse.

Yet, despite the facts, the idea persists that nudity is lewdity. The U.S. Supreme Court itself has rejected that erroneous notion and someday, perhaps, the rest of the nation will catch up with the court's attitude.

Nevertheless, the nudity-equals-lewdity syndrome has bothered nudists for a long time. The real purpose of any publication such as this one is to attempt to dispel that notion from the minds of the American public. Nudists are not nuts, although some may think them so. They are after looking at them, not an awful lot different from anyone else. Among any given nudist group, one can find a few provocative looking women. Most often, however, one will find girls just the ones that live next door — and some them might actually live next door and you, the novice or non-nudist would never know.

....**Nudists are exhibitionists.** A pretty blanket statement, and in the context of the 20th Century, a somewhat damning one. But let's look at the facts first and then decide whether this notion has any validity at all.

Webster defines **exhibitionism:** A term of psychology denoting a morbid disposition to display that which modesty conceals. 2. A proneness to self-complacent display or parade to attract attention to oneself.

Now the phychological definition is a very telling and quite offensive, perhaps, problem. But wait a minute! The "exhibitionist nudist" displays "that which modesty conceals" right there in front of whom? At the local supermarket? Down Main Street? At the concert? That would certainly be offensive — and illegal. No, we cannot accept the psychological definition of exhibitionism as it pertains to a practicing nudist because he displays himself among fellow nudist — usually by playing a few rugged rounds of volleyball, several laps up and down the swimming pool. He is no more displaying himself than if he had clothing on.

The second definition given by Webster need hardly be mentioned, but let's handle it anyway. Does a nudist want to attract attention to himself? some do and some don't but it has absolutely nothing to do with wearing or not wearing clothing. Exhibitionists are everywhere — and wouldn't the world of entertainment be dull without them!

Now how about that nonsense about "repression"? This is another psychosexual term and it denotes that anyone suffering from it harbors guilt about his sexuality. Does it apply to the average nudist? Possibly. Just like exhibitionism, repression can afflict nudists as well as non-nudists — and it would be stupid to say that no nudists are sexually repressed. The important thing here is that the affliction has nothing to do with nudity — although a visit to nudist park has been prescribed by psychologists to patients suffering from intense sexual repression, with amazing results: They found out that nudity does not equal lewdity. Nudists, as a group, are not any more or less sexually repressed than non-nudists, and quite possibly considerably less so than non-nudists.

"Sexually inadequate." When this term is used in describing a nudist, or even a non-nudist, it means that the person takes up perverse habits in order to compensate. Is the average nudist sexually inadequate? It's possible. The average nudist is just like the guy who isn't. He may or may not be sexually inadequate, but that's his problem, and it has nothing whatsoever to do with being or not being a nudist.

The membership of any typical nudist park is made up mostly of married couples — families, in short. One quick look around any one of the parks will show a passel of kids that would make the average nursery school look inadequate. Not that there is any population explosion among nudists. Taking a servey between nudists and non-nudists might be interesting in only one respect: to show that the nudist, from an income, professional, educational, social standing, probably has no more or less children than his non-nudist equal.

Well, then, what is a nudist or, rather, who are the nudists? Aside from enjoying the beneficial life of not having clothing when they swim or sunbathe, the nudist is probably just like the non-nudist. In any group of nudists, one can find a doctor, a lawyer, a plumber, a stevedore, or what have you. So it is possible in any group of non-nudists to have the same kind of professional breakdown. A few are millionaries and, no doubt, a few are welfare cases.

The nudists, then, can be your next door neighbor. There's nothing unusual about him, and there's nothing of the fanatic about him either. He won't try to convert you. If you want to try this most enjoyable way of living, he'll help you — but you'll have to ask. It is not in the nature of a true nature nudist to proseltise.

After all, there is really nothing new about nudity, is there? Except perhaps the new feeling of being reborn when one sheds his clothing and really takes nature on it own!

The Sunshine State might be a place for the male nudist park!

FLORIDA: the modern nudist eden

Whether it's a ship or paradise, there are few places any more where the roving sunseeker is denied entrance and the balmy climate of the Sunshine State is its welcome mat for all who seek the informality of year-round outdoor living.

Florida's growth has mushroomed so much there is fear that before long seekers of solitude and winter warmth will have to bypass it and hunt up the small islands beyond. As a consequence, the more than a dozen nudist resorts are already experiencing a boom.

About 150 years ago, the Seminole Indians reached a population peak of some 5,000. In the first decade of this century the number dropped to 275. Today there are more nudists in Florida than the present 1500 Seminoles.

Forty-six years, ago Gilbert A. Combs, now of Leesburg, Florida, was told by his physicians in Frenchburg, Ky., they had done all they could for him.

"If you want to live longer and have better health," they advised, "go to a warm climate."

"I regained my health," says 78-years-young Combs, "right in Florida on their lakes."

His healthy move was made during the land boom, from 1920 to 1930, which rocked Miami, Palm Beach and Tampa.

Among Tampa's many natural attractions today are the 200-acre Free Sunshine Beach for those who like o take their suntan straight—no swimsuits.

The hysteria of migration swept even into then comparatively unknown Central Florida where the population of the city of Orlando alone jumped from 9,282 to 27,330 in ten years. In the decade from 1955 to 1965 Florida's population increased 55.4 percent to a total of 5.8 million residents.

The lure of the winter vacation state has never diminished. Twenty-five years ago a cartoonist depicted it like this:

"It's January, sir, time for your Florida trip," said the butler to the senior citizen dozing in the gloomy club for men.

And that's the way it's been, with nearly every community and county in the state expanding. Elated with the future, Governor Burns announced on March 25, 1966: "Florida is growing at the rate of 2500 families each and every week."

Some of these families opened up resorts for nudists like the Williams at Sunny Sands and the Hadleys at Cypress Cove.

To purchase Florida, the United States paid $4.1 million, a lot more than was paid for New York which in

a short period of time suffered a water shortage, blackout, newspaper and transit strikes and heat waves as well as sub zero temperatures. New York's future? Higher taxes or bankruptcy. But then what can you expect for $24?

It was news when several hundred people met at a resort like Sol Sante on Vancouver Island, Canada, and when 1500 more roamed the spacious grounds of Pennsylvania's Sunny Rest Lodge without a single stitch of clothing between them.

Still more newsworthy is Tropical Gardens, North Miami's nudist-resort-in-the-city. This is not a place to belong, it's a way of life.

A step from the restaurant across the street is a step out of the 20th century into the easy and natural living of the Garden of Eden complete with Adams and Eves, fruit trees and flowers of every description. Yet within its three acres of privacy are all the comforts of elegant living — within

easy reach of all modern shopping conveniences.

The weather, always 80 degrees, is not the only extravagance one expects of Florida. There's the shy lady who was practically dragged by friends to Tropical Gardens. Her reluctance was superficial — composed partly of embarrassment, partly a feeling of self consciousness.

Now that she wears the trademark of Florida, a suntan, she says, "I can finally look at myself in the mirror and see myself as others see me. I could never do that before."

That is part of the victory over conformity every one experiences while in Florida although bicycle riding while intoxicated is still against the law in Winter Park.

And, if you haven't eaten real short'nin' bread, you haven't lived, or so they used to think down South. Now, it's been changed to, if you haven't sunbathed nude in the South you haven't lived. Statistics confirm the truism of this and such resorts as Cypress Cove, Lake Como Club, Sunny Sands Resort and Chin-Ka-Pin Ranch have a total of 450 acres for nudists in such tourist popular areas as Tampa, Daytona Beach and Jacksonville.

Does the mention of Cypress Cove of Kissimmee, Florida evoke a picture of Southern gentlewomen minding their magnolias?

If it does, your picture is out of focus. The women, and the men, too, are gentle enough but what they're minding is the preservation of their all-over suntan at this family nudist resort.

Vacationeers with tag-along homes have helped make pikers out of park

attendance forecasters as they invaded Cypress Cove and other Florida nudist resorts last year. Land values in Kissimmee, Osceola County, an area already adopted by Walt Disney, should triple or quadruple in a few years.

Yet in the 1925 land boom when a real estate agent sold an almost worthless piece of land for $11,000 someone asked, "Did you really get cash?"

"No," he replied, "But I got a $1,000 I.O.U. and a $10,000 cat."

Roy Rogers and Liberace in the thores of land negotiating do not find that very hilarious. But funny or not nearly 16 million people visited Florida in 1965. It is predicted there will be 22 million visitors annually by 1970—heeding the attractions of culture, fun and sports . . . and nudism.

However, all is not fun and sun in Florida. There are the seasonal

hurricanes, one of earth's enemies. Both foe and friend it will devastate one area and at the same time deliver needed rains to a parched section far away. With the first gale warnings Floridians, tense and concerned, gather around their radios to follow the progress of the storm. And then finally comes the terrifying warning: "Due to the impending hurricane there will be no sunbathing tomorrow!"

A brief summary ties the loose ends together as follows:

Florida was discovered in 1513; purchased from Spain in 1819, after being traded back and forth with the British; and finally became the 27th State of the Union in 1845.

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It's easier than most men imagine and it can be fun!

Even though there isn't much talk any more about fifty-mile hikes through the wilderness, there is still a great deal of concern over the physical fitness of Americans. Fortunately most of the male nudists of the land need not worry about that score, since the very nature of nudism is to keep a sound body.

In a way, however, it is much easier for the male nudist to keep in shape than it is for his more conservative counterpart who never sheds his clothing except to take a bath.

The male nudist, conscious of the fact that his body is the only one he'll ever have to himself, is more aware of fitness

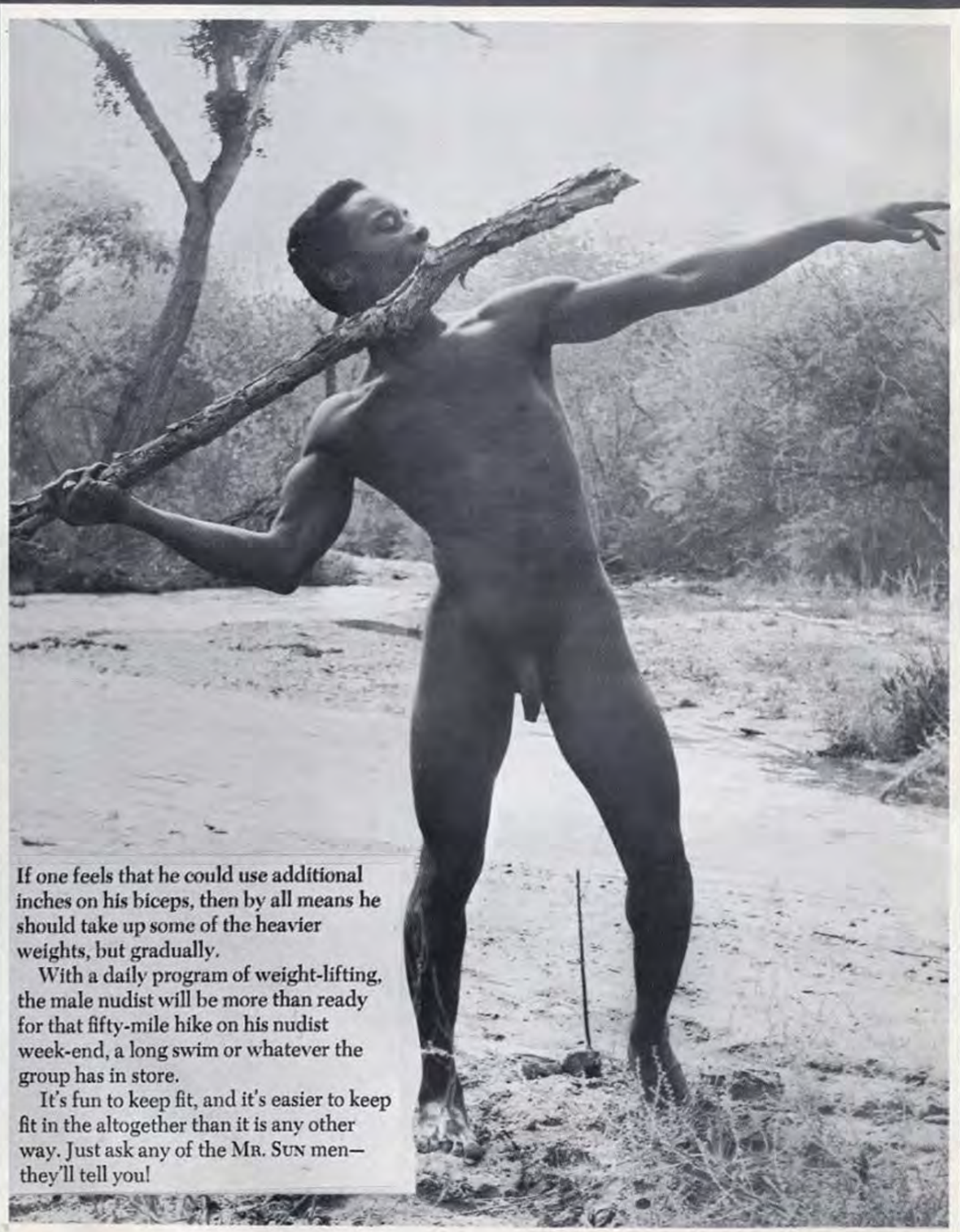
than others. With his clothing piled neatly aside, he can run and play in the wind and sun without the encumbrances that no only hinder complete exercise but cast a kind of psychological pall over something that should be fun. After all, when we were all children we never thought that it might uncool or out of step with society to play until nearly exhausted.

Keeping physically fit, incidentally, need not mean that an adult male should strain himself until exhaustion. That's a bit outlandish for a guy who has just come from a week behind a desk. It's asking for trouble

to start using muscles suddenly that have not done more than push a pencil for five days in a row. Exercise is a daily thing if it is to be any good at all.

About the best way to keep fit is maintain a daily program of weight-lifting. Not excessive weights. After all, not many men really want to be so muscle-bound that they can't climb into their sports cars when it's time to drive off to work or a date. But weight-lifting with nominal weights, just enough to give your muscles a little strain, will keep the average man pretty well ahead of his comrades who just climb out of bed and into the shower every morning.

Taking weights every day in small amounts keeps the muscle tone healthy without building them into shirt-rippers.



If one feels that he could use additional inches on his biceps, then by all means he should take up some of the heavier weights, but gradually.

With a daily program of weight-lifting, the male nudist will be more than ready for that fifty-mile hike on his nudist week-end, a long swim or whatever the group has in store.

It's fun to keep fit, and it's easier to keep fit in the altogether than it is any other way. Just ask any of the MR. SUN men—they'll tell you!

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. Sun: Please reserve my copy of MR. SUN #5. May I take this opportunity to say just how much I enjoy your magazine. Photos and articles are extremely enjoyable. You mentioned in the last issue that a Mr. Sun camp was or is in the making. Is this camp a reality? If so, what is the charge per day, week? Are there cabins or barracks? What are the facilities for eating, buying beer, etc.?) I am most anxious to have this information.

R.K.
Illinois

(Sorry, R.K., but the Mr. Sun camp is just a daring proposal, but we hope that it will soon be a reality.)

Dear Mr. Sun: You're right. It's almost impossible for us single guys to get into a camp. We read about your proposed single male's nudist camp. The mountains and desert are our camp grounds. There are several of us single males who would like MR. SUN to start a club for us guys. The married couples have ASA.

S.
Arizona

(Forming local Mr. Sun clubs sounds like a great idea.)

Dear Mr. Sun: Are there subscriptions available for your fine publication?

R.K.
California

(Sure. See page 49.)

Dear Mr. Sun: I am so happy you thought to mail me your announcement for Mr. Sun #4. I missed the earlier issues, but I did get the second one, which I adore more than words can express. I have reserved a copy of Number 5. But issue number 4 looks like your best one yet, especially with the daring new proposal for an all-male nudist park.

E.R.
Illinois

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Sun: Since you have published Mr. Sun magazines, I have continued to support the idea and purpose of such publications. The articles and photographs on how exalting the life of a male or any nudist must be, are tops. Had I not been exposed to your very fine publications, I probably would still remain narrow-minded and ashamed to disrobe in any other event aside from taking a shower. My present environment enables me to practice nudism and because of this I am asking for your help and would appreciate very much if you would send me the necessary information for participating in this wonderful life of freedom and beauty which we all should be exposed to.

E.H.
New York

(Thanks for your comment. As for practicing nudism, it has always been our contention that it should be practiced wherever and whenever it does not offend anyone else. This does not mean that you should not try to join a nudist park. You should and do so by writing any of the clubs in your area. More and more of them are accepting single males today. But don't let a few rejections discourage you. Nudism is for everyone.).

Dear Mr. Sun: Last year I received your spiral book of fifteen male nudists and found it interesting. But in the fall I was able to get MR. SUN #1. It is high time I was congratulating you on a publication of quality and good taste. Each issue has not been available here, at least not to my knowledge. A friend showed me his copy of MR. SUN #2. Now I have decided to order my copies of MR. SUN direct from you.

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